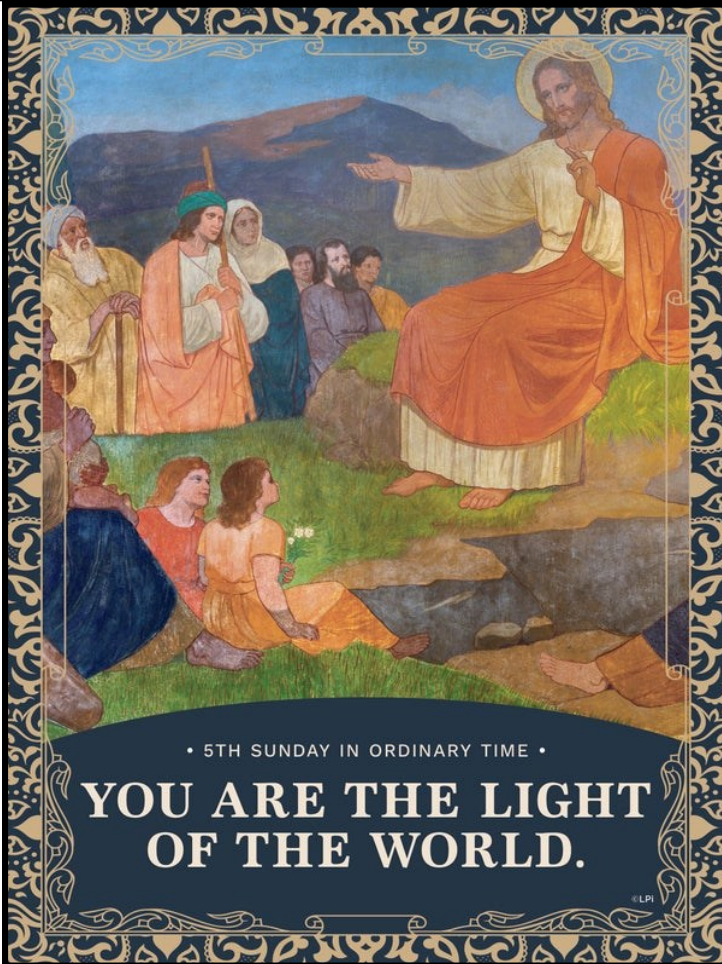


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Mass Schedule

Monday, February 9th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 10th **St. Scholastica**
Mass 8:15am
No Mass Father Nate out of town

Wednesday, January 11th **Our Lady of Lourdes**
No Mass “ “

Thursday, February 12th
No Mass “ “
4:00 to 7:00 pm **Adoration**
4:30 to 7:00pm Confession (Spanish & English)

Friday, February 13th
Mass 8:15 am
Sullivan Fieldhouse SP.I.

Saturday, February 14th **St. Cyril & St. Methodius**
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Arlene Miller

Sunday, February 15th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
† David Schwoerer

Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)

February 8th, 2026 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 14th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Mark Jelinek
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Evan & Owen Drier, Carter Jelinek
Rohen Logue
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, February 15th, 8:00 am

Reader: Andrew Wright
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Colyns & Lincoln Morris
Brice & Reese Kohlstedt
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Gregg Schmitt **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, February 15th, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Elijah Weiss, Madalyn Stadele
Baylee & Lexi Wertz
Gifts: Brian Weiss Family **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

Parish Calendar of Events

02/08 Sunday, Children's Liturgy at 8:00 am Mass
02/15 Sunday, Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00pm
02/18 Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:15 am & 5:15 pm
02/18 Soup & Supper following Mass
02/20 Friday, Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm
02/28 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30pm
03/01 Sunday, Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00 pm
03/08 Sunday, Youth Group Skating, 4:30pm (tentative)
03/11 Wed., Extravaganza planning meeting 6:30pm
04/18 Extravaganza ... Save the Date!

From Your Pastor

“Let there be light!” a phrase I heard quite often in the mornings as my Dad would often walk by me and my brother’s room and turn on the light. Of course, the subtle attempt at humor was almost always lost as I would usually pull the blanket over my face to cover my eyes from the brightness of the light, usually accompanied by thoughts of how I could somehow stay under there and not get up. Yet, eventually, sometimes needing some encouragement, I would get out of bed and start getting ready for the day. I was always convinced that there was no light brighter than one turned on when you are sleeping or when it is pitch black around you. The light is so bright that it almost hurts!

As we look to our readings this weekend, we have this image of light used in our first reading and our Gospel. This image of light, in reference to the love of God and the love of God that is within each of us, is one that can be relatable, only if we truly believe it. What do I mean? Well, if we don’t see God’s love for us or acknowledge that the love of God is within each and every person, then these words don’t make much sense. If God’s love is not the brightest thing radiating in our lives, something else is. And it is a guarantee that whatever that other thing is, it will never compare to the light and love of God.

So let’s begin this new week acknowledging that light of God’s love, which pours out on each of us, and shines within us. As this light shines, let it be a beacon that directs all of our thoughts, words, and actions.

As we look ahead to next weekend, we are already at the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. There is a tradition that has fallen away and is starting to make a comeback, but we will be celebrating it this upcoming weekend at the end of each of the Masses. It is called the *Deposito* or the *Burying of the Alleluia*. Below is a description of the tradition taken from a parish near Chicago who practices this each year.

“In the language of prayer, some words need no translation. “Amen” is one. The “Kyrie eleison” is another. Still, another is the “Agnus Dei.”

Alleluia is also a word familiar to all Christendom, whether the language of the local liturgy is Latin or Greek, Spanish or Ukrainian, Polish or Vietnamese. It is the Latinized form of Hebrew’s Hallelujah (i.e., “Praise the Lord”). In the West, we associate Alleluia with the joy of the Resurrection and Easter. And so, the Church buries the Alleluia while the rest of us put on ashes and sackcloths to demonstrate our penance. Pope Alexander II decreed that the dismissal of the Alleluia be solemnly marked on the eve of Septuagesima Sunday (i.e., three Sundays before Ash Wednesday) in the chanting of the Divine Office by inserting Alleluias in the sacred text.

This burial of the Alleluia was nicknamed the deposition (i.e., “the giving on deposit”). Curiously enough, gravestones in Catholic cemeteries traditionally had the inscription *Depositus*, or simply “D,” to indicate a Christian’s burial. When this term indicates the burial of the Alleluia or of the faithful departed, the Christian belief in resurrection is clear. As we bury those who have been “marked with the sign of faith,” (Roman Canon), and as we enter into the fasting of Lent, we do not silence our tongues because of despair or permanent loss. Rather, we do so with confidence that what has been deposited into the earth—our dead, our Alleluia—will rise again.” (St. John Cantius Parish website)

In these final days of preparation before Lent, let us live in the light of Christ, let us make ourselves ready to enter on this journey with Christ, a journey of love and light that shatters darkness.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Nate Kuhn

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ... 33,415.00 Amount Received ... \$ 45,720.00
Amount Over ... \$12,305.00 as of (2/3/26)
Thank you!

St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

160 West Fourth Street Richland Center, WI 53581

Applications available in the entrance of Church

Or Parish Office 608-647-2621 must be received

no later than ... **March 15, 2026**

St. Mary's Fish Fry Friday February 20, 2026

Father McKeivitt Council # 3492

Fish Fry will be a drive-thru only. 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Baked and Fried Fish, cheesy and baked potatoes, cole-
slaw, aplesauce, and a garlic biscuit.

**\$13.00 per meal, with the option to add extra fish for \$3
per piece, up to 3 pieces per meal.**

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1
Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7,
8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3,
4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6,
30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36,
37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11
ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:
6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,
17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt
5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28,
33- 34a, 37

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Dear God,
Thank you for our Earth and everything on it. We thank
you for our delicious food and warm houses to live in.
Please take care of sick people, our pets, family, and
grandparents. Please help us to be kind, play nicely, be
good listeners, and to have kind hearts so we can love
others like you do. We love you. Amen. -Kindergarten

January 31, February 1, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,393.00
Offertory.....	747.00
Students Offertory.....	139.37
Building & Maintenance.....	70.00
Catholic School Support	50.00
Pastoral Care	50.00
Parish Festival	50.00
Total.....	\$5,499.37
January ACH Tithe	\$5,665.00

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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but **not less than six months**
prior to the proposed wedding date.

Scholastica, the sister of Saint Benedict, had been consecrated to God from her earliest years. She was accustomed to visiting her brother once a year. He would come down to meet her at a place on the monastery property, not far outside the gate.

One day she came as usual and her saintly brother went with some of his disciples; they spent the whole day praising God and talking of sacred things. As night fell they had supper together.

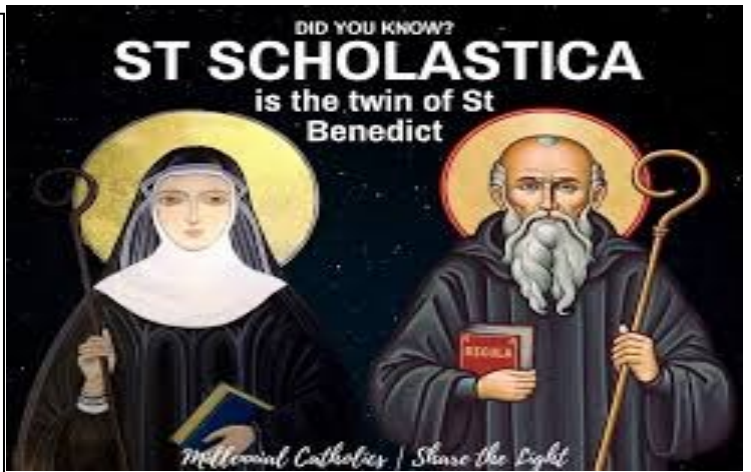
Their spiritual conversation went on and the hour grew late. The holy nun said to her brother: "Please do not leave me tonight; let us go on until morning talking about the delights of the spiritual life." "Sister," he replied, "what are you saying? I simply cannot stay outside my cell."

When she heard her brother refuse her request, the holy woman joined her hands on the table, laid her head on them and began to pray. As she raised her head from the table, there were such brilliant flashes of lightning, such great peals of thunder and such a heavy downpour of rain that neither Benedict nor his brethren could stir across the threshold of the place where they had been seated. Sadly he began to complain: "May God forgive you, sister. What have you done?" "Well," she answered, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can, leave me and return to your monastery."

Reluctant as he was to stay of his own will, he remained against his will. So it came about that they stayed awake the whole night, engrossed in their conversation about the spiritual life.

It is not surprising that she was more effective than he, since as John says, God is love, it was absolutely right that she could do more, as she loved more.

Three days later, Benedict was in his cell. Looking up to the sky, he saw his sister's soul leave her body in the form of a dove, and fly up to the secret places of heaven. Rejoicing in her great glory, he thanked almighty God with hymns and words of praise. He then sent his brethren to bring her body to the monastery and lay it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. Their minds had always been united in God; their bodies were to share a common grave.



ASH Wednesday Mass at 8:15am & 5:15 pm

Soup & Sandwich Supper

Wed, February 18th

6:00 to 7:30pm (following the 5:15 Mass)



Proceeds benefit Richland Community Food Pantry
All are Welcome! Sponsored by PCCW



Embracing Your Call to Holiness

Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

St. James the Greater Parish

2502 11th St, Eau Claire, WI. 54703

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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